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Claims 1 – 7 and 10 – 20 are in the application. Claims 1 – 5 and 10 – 20 are currently amended; claims 6 and 7 previously presented, and claims 8 and 9 are canceled. Claims 1 and 18 – 20 are the independent claims herein.

No new matter has been added to the application based on the amendments submitted herewith. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 – 7 and 9 – 17 were objected under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

In reply thereto, Applicant amends claims 2 – 5 and 10 – 17 to recite "device oriented context" and "identity oriented context" where appropriate. Furthermore, claim 9 is canceled.

Accordingly, Applicant requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 1 – 7 and 9 – 17.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 1 – 7 and 9 – 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Diacakis et al. U.S. Publication No. 2002/0116336, hereinafter "Diacakis"; with claims 18 – 20 each being rejected with the same rationale given for claim 1. This rejection is traversed.

Applicant first notes that each of the independent claims are submitted for amendment as indicated hereinabove. Applicant notes that claim 1 is representative of the amendments made to the independent claims and notes here that claim 1 relates to

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a method that includes interfacing an identity oriented context system that represents a context of a user based on a context of an entity with a device oriented context system that represents the context of the user based on a context of the device; detecting a new device oriented context provided by said device oriented context system for a specific device associated with an identity, wherein the new device oriented context provides an availability status of the specific device. The method also includes mapping the new device oriented context provided by the device oriented context system to an identity oriented context for the identity by the identity oriented context system by associating the new device oriented context with the identity oriented context, wherein the identity oriented context provides an availability status of the identity; and providing data indicative of the mapped identity oriented context to the identity context oriented application.

It is clear that each of the amended independent claims include interfacing an identity oriented context system that represents a context of a user based on a context of an entity with a device oriented context system that represents the context of the user based on a context of the device. Thus, the claimed invention includes two different context systems, an identity oriented context system and a device oriented context system. Applicant notes that an important aspect of the present application includes having an identity oriented context system that represents a context of a user based on a context of an entity interface (i.e., communicate) with a device oriented context system that represents the context of the user based on a context of the device. Applicant directs the Office's attention to FIGS. 1, 2 and the corresponding detailed description in the application for the supporting disclosure.

Regarding the cited and relied upon Diacakis, Applicant respectfully notes that it is not seen where both an identity oriented context system and a device oriented context system are disclosed and interfaced, as claimed. Diacakis merely discloses determining an individual's presence with a presence detection engine 18 and using that determined presence to determine an availability for the individual. (See Diacakis, [0038])

Applicant also submits that Diacakis does not disclose or even suggest the claimed mapping aspects. Regarding FIG. 8, Diacakis only maps the presence and availability as provided by the single context presence and availability system 12 disclosed therein. Again, no two (2) different context oriented systems are disclosed by Diacakis. Accordingly, no mapping between two different context orientations is provided, disclosed, or suggested by Diacakis.
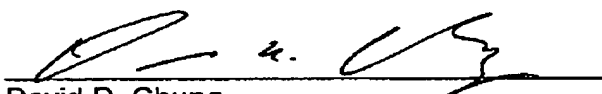
Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Diacakis does not anticipate claims 1 and 18 – 20. Applicant further submits that claims 2 – 7 and 10 – 17 are also patentable over Diacakis under 35 USC 102(b) for at least depending from an allowable base claim.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (408) 492-5336.

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